

WASHINGTON, DC- Representatives Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield), Greg Walden (R-Hood River), and Kurt Schrader (D-Canby) will release a discussion draft of their bipartisan O&C Trust proposal for public comment this afternoon. DeFazio and Schrader will also hold a media availability to provide an update on the status of the bipartisan effort.

Last fall, DeFazio, Walden, and Schrader worked with stakeholders to reach a bipartisan agreement on a long-term plan for the O&C counties. Since then, they've been working with the House Resources Committee to integrate the provisions of their proposal into committee legislation. The discussion draft will be posted to the member's websites, where constituents can send feedback and suggest changes to the draft.

"Time is running short for our rural counties, and they deserve a long-term solution. We have finalized a discussion draft of our unique plan for the O&C lands and intend to release it tomorrow. The plan is separate from HR 4019, which is under mark up in the Natural Resources Committee. We still have outstanding issues that we are working out with committee and will continue to work with them as we move through the legislative process," DeFazio, Walden, and Schrader said.

WHO: Reps. Peter DeFazio and Kurt Schrader

WHAT: Press conference on OCTCJA

DATE: Thursday, February 16

TIME: 11:00 am Pacific time

WHERE: Satellite feed and conference call from Washington, D.C.

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